

particularly women who have been married over an extended period of time have added problems that men simply have not ever had to face. For this reason I strongly support LB 389 and urge the thinking members of this body to help advance it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Distinguished President Whelan, members of this body. I rise to support this piece of legislation. I think that the first issue that we say to ourselves is it's important. Obviously, it is important in terms of job placement for people that find themselves in most difficult circumstances. I've referred to my chief advisor on this floor many times and my Mother from Ada. I'd like to talk about that in a very serious way. My Father died at the age of 55 in 1971. My Mother was 53. I grew up during the time when certainly finishing school was not a high priority during the depression, and went to the 8th grade. When my Father met his untimely death my Mother had no saleable skills, a ninth grade education, still one of the smartest women I ever met. So my Mother was left with a modest amount of money, but certainly not enough to carry her through with a reasonable lifestyle. So my Mother, being a woman that certainly had a great deal of pride, went to work with the only skill she had and she was a cook and a very good one. I heard that, Simon. However, those who live in glass homes should not throw stones. My vest wouldn't fit you, which has nothing to do with this subject, Mr. Chairman, and I see that and I'm going to move right along rapidly. But that circumstance was not a heart-rendering story for oozing emotions from you. It's the plight of many people in this country, it's a plight of many people in this state at that particular age and at that circumstance in their life. I think a number one priority has to be to help those people help themselves in terms of what they want to do. We spend literally hundreds, and hundreds of thousands of dollars for counseling and job placement of those who graduate from high school. We spend literally thousands and thousands of dollars for counseling and job placement for those that are terminating, finishing or graduating from our institutions of higher education. We spend thousands, and thousands, and thousands of dollars to help those people returning that are veterans in terms of their job placements and their problems. I believe this is an extremely high priority. I believe that this \$94,000 certainly is an area that is well spent in terms of helping those people who want to help themselves and certainly have made significant contributions to this state and who want to continue to make significant contributions in terms of their future lifestyles. I wholeheartedly support the bill. I ask you to advance it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I have been asked, by a constituent in my district, to introduce this bill before I came down. I wanted to take some time to research it because I was concerned about whether or not there might be a duplication of services. I would especially like Senator Cullan to listen to this comment, and also Senator Dworak. I was concerned that there might be a duplication of services. I was certainly aware that there was a problem, but I did not want to have a new governmental agency be created if we already had the problems being taken care of in another